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THE DAILY PRESS FOR AUGUST contains no less than three articles bearing on subjects connected with countries out of Asia. Whether this be the result of an increased interest among British politicians in Eastern matters, or of an accident, there is no evidence to show. Of these three articles the one, which will naturally inspire most interest in China is "The Inheritance of the Great Mogul," by Sir RUTHERFORD ALCOCK, late British Minister at the Court of Peking. This gentleman, since retiring from his post, has sought to bring himself prominently into notice as a great authority on Eastern questions. His claim to such pretensions rests, however, on comparatively slender foundations. As a diplomatist he was considered somewhat of a failure by almost all the British residents in China, and it is pretty well known that his knowledge of Chinese literature was of the most limited description. It is true that though he was no proficient in the language, he understood its value to others, and recommended its study to the English merchants at Shanghai, sage advice which they doubtless fully appreciated. But it is unlikely that any or any other British community in China would allow Sir RUTHERFORD ALCOCK's claim to speak with very much authority on affairs in China. No doubt the British public will speedily discover, what the residents out here have long known, the incapacity of Sir RUTHERFORD to deal with great public questions. His article in the *Fortnightly Review*, wonderfully discursive as it is, is, however, devoid of interest, for there is much imported matter in it not uninteresting in itself.

Sir RUTHERFORD has, it is apparent, taken Colonel YULE's book as a peg on which to hang his own speculations. These are of a decidedly speculative character, and it is somewhat difficult to find out the conclusions he arrives at. This is increased by Sir RUTHERFORD's go-off-at-word propensity, which often confuses his readers. After a patient and careful perusal of an inconsequent article—a patchwork cover without design or aim—we have at length arrived at this. Before doing so, it was necessary to excise some pages of irrelevant matter regarding the genius, language, and antiquity of the Chinese people; much duplicate verbiage, meaning nothing, concerning the balance of power in Central Asia, needed pruning; and a variety of speculations about the advance of a Chinese army from behind the angle of the Great Wall had to be sifted, before the balance could be struck and the net result ascertained. This in fact would appear to be somewhat as follows. Sir RUTHERFORD considers that England, Russia, and China are the joint heirs of the Great Mongol conquerors, and that, as is usual with the inheritors of a divided estate, they are disagreeing with regard to their share of the inheritance. From China, England has little to fear, though she is advancing an army from behind "the angle of the Great Wall," which may possibly curtail British trade a little. Russia—the Great White Khan—is, or should be, the source of anxiety to England. The rude but hardy and warlike tribes of Central Asia, he tells us, being civilized to some extent by the Moscovite Government. Russia, again, for the extension of her commerce, is building cities, making roads over glaciers and mountain passes, and employing these tribes in the construction of works which would prove equally—if but more—essential in war as in time of peace. CHINA'S KHAN and THURVA have crossed mountain chains and mighty rivers before; what, then, is to prevent another, and perhaps more formidable, gathering of these hordes together, under Russian leadership, marching down the valleys of the Himalaya, finding India at their feet, and the best European troops and generals almost powerless to oppose them?

Sir RUTHERFORD ALCOCK evidently repeats little reliance in the valor and efficiency of the British army in India. He undoubtedly under-estimates the difficulties in the path of an invading force. There is no occasion for uneasiness on the score of a Russian invasion of India. Of course it is well for England to look that her arms be bright, and be prepared for any eventuality, but it is very doubtful whether Russia ever cherished any serious designs upon our Eastern Empire. In justice to Sir RUTHERFORD, it must be said that after making this alarming suggestion, he afterwards expresses the opinion that the Northern Colossus is more likely to seek a southern outlet for her trade in the Gulf of Persia, than through India or China. The former would prove too hard a nut to crack; the latter is too big and indigestible a morsel to swallow. After all there is nothing new in Sir RUTHERFORD's article. We have had alarmist articles on the Eastern question *ad libitum*, and the same theories have more or less pervaded them. It is now pretty generally understood that Russia is not satisfied with her present "Aboda of Show," and would claim some territory in more general regions. She sighs, too, for the riches of the south; for the outlets they afford for trade, and which are now closed to her. When the opportunity comes she will certainly endeavour to secure some outlet, and the weakest country will certainly become her prey. But England need not feel much anxiety on this score, though, of course, it is necessary she should watch the movements of her big neighbor and rival in Asia. The latter will always be found ready to profit from any complications or struggles that may arise in the East. English statesmen are, however, we believe, well acquainted with the fact, and it needs not the Cassandra-like pen of a Sir RUTHERFORD ALCOCK to rouse them to a sense of the position.

The actual receipts from six sales of Bengal opium and five months' duty on Malwa and Java were well supplied with both China and Japan. Opium, of the former, at all times commands the market, while each and every importer has his own brand of paper tea, of which he makes a specialty. 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E. P. M. S. S. Co.....	On 15th inst.	
F. A. B. O. S. Livingston & Co.....	On 1st pag.	
G. & C. O. S. N. Co.....	On 14th inst.	
H. P. M. S. S. Co.....	On 21st inst.	
I. Messageries Maritimes.....	Quick despatch	
K. Butterfield & Swire.....	On 20-day, at 10.	
L. E. BERTHIAUX.....	On or about 7.	
M. Douglas Lapaix & Co.....	On 4-day, at day.	

  

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FOR SHANTAO, AMOY, AND FOR THE SWATOW Steamship	"YESSO," Captain F. Anthon, will be despatched above Ports TO-DAY, the 6th instant, tight. For Freight or Passage, apply to 24 LAURENCE Hongkong, 4th October.
NOTICE	COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES, PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS THE Company's Steamship
"ATA," Captain Fleuriat, will be despatched TO-DAY, the 6th inst., at 10 A.M. O. BERTHAUX, Private Agent.	STEAM TO YOKOHAMA THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "ORISSA," will leave for the above place shortly after arrival of the S.S. Agamemnon with English Mail. A. Moyley, Sup.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, 6th October, 1875.	STEAM TO SHANGHAI (Taking Cargo & through rates for Passengers) TO KIOGO; THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "COLUMBIAN," will leave for the above place shortly after arrival of the S.S. Agamemnon with English Mail. A. Moyley, Sup.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, 6th October, 1875.	OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY FOR SHANGHAI, Taking Cargo and Passengers at three times FREIGHT; HANKOW, NINGPOO, SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, JAPAN. THE Company's Steamship "NESTOR," will be despatched on about the 10th inst. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE 1484 Hongkong, 2nd October, 1875.
NOTICE	THE Eastern Australian Steam Navigation Company's Steamship "SOMERSET," will be despatched from Singapore, for BRISBANE, &c., about the 16th inst. The Company's Steamship "BRISBAN," expected here about the 13th inst., putched here about the 21st inst. TOWN and STONEY For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTONE & CO. 1489 Hongkong, 1st October.
THE British Bark	"HARWILL," Captain Duffield, will load large cargo as above. For Freight, apply to HEADLAND & CO. 1477 Hongkong, 30th September.
FOR NEW YORK	THE "HYATTIRA," Captain Mackay, will load here and pass, and will have quick despatch to For Freight, apply to RUSSSELL & CO. 1488 Hongkong, 21st September.
FOR NEW YORK	THE "MIDNIGHT," G. Waller, Master, will load here and pass, and will have quick despatch to For Freight, apply to FOGG & HAGGED 1890 Hongkong, 13th September.
FOR LONDON	THE "15 years British Ship" "MELBBREK," Capt. T. Patore, will load here and pass, and will have quick despatch to For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGGED & CO. 1400 Hongkong, 14th September.
FOR LONDON	THE "11 British Barque" "ENGLAND'S GLOBE," Knight, Master, will load here, and pass, and will have quick despatch to For Freight, apply to A. MACGILVERAY, or DEACON & CO. 1849 Hongkong, 3rd September.
POSITIVE GOVERNMENT LIFE ASSURANCE CO LIMITED.	CHAS. H. M. ly 944 Hongkong, 18th June.
SUN FIRE OFFICE	THE Undersigned is prepared to issue Policies against Fire, to \$45,000 on First-class Risk. A Discount of Twenty per cent. on the Current Local Rates will be granted upon insurances effected with the following Premiums contributed: T. G. LIMSON, Agent, 1835 Hongkong, 26th August.
PHOENIX FIRE INSURANCE	FROM this date, until further notice, Twenty per cent. of the current local rates of premium on insurances effected with the following Premiums contributed: DOUGLAS LAURENCE, Agent, 11192 Hongkong, 9th June.
YANG-TSE INSURANCE CO. OF SHANGHAI	CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$800,000
POLICES granted on Marine risks of the World, at our rates. This Association will meet every week to divide the earnings, after dividend of 15% for shareholders and thereafter distribute among annually, in each ALL the underwriting Business pro rata premium contributed.	RUSSELL & CO. at 1089 Hongkong, 9th July.

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General Post Office,  
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**MAILS BY THE UNITED KINGDOM PACKET.**  
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General Post Office,  
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The following reduced Ra  
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**PORTUGAL.**—  
Via Southampton, 24 per cent.  
**AZORES ISLANDS.**—  
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